(a) the details of the exports of raw materials like iron-ore, cotton, tobacco and minerals like bauxite during the three years;

(b) whether there is any proposal to scale down exports of raw materials and in their place export more finished or processed products;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) As per the Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics (DGCI&S), Kolkata, the exports of iron-ore, cotton, tobacco and bauxite during the last three years are as under :

(Values in US $ Million)

Commodities	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04
Iron-ore	426.39	867.94	1117.19
Cotton raw including waste	8.95	10.39	176.59
Tobacco unmanufactured	122.04	151.57	174.42
Bauxite (natural) not calcined	13.68	31.04	35.86

(b) to (d) While facilitating development of India as a global hub for manufacturing activities there is no proposal to restrict raw material exports while promoting export of finished and processed products.

Subsidy based export policy

1019. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have formulated a new private sector subsidy based export policy to ensure that India does not suffer from excessive outflow of wheat and rice;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof; and

(c) what is the difference between the open door export policy and subsidy-based export policy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) to (c) A new foodgrain export

policy is being formulated. It is at an advanced stage of consideration in the Government of India. The details and incentives under the scheme are yet to be finalised.

Import of tea waste

1020. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that several tea exporters from India have been importing tea waste from Indonesia and other countries and re-exporting them as orthodox variety;

(b) whether Libya has recently rejected a huge consignment of tea from India as sub-standard;

(c) if so, whether the certificate of origin for this consignment was issued by Jodhpur Chamber of Commerce rather than Tea Board; and

(d) whether Government would consider appointing Tea Board as the sole inspection agency for tea exports from the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) An instance has recently come to notice of poor quality tea having been reportedly imported from Vietnam for re-export.

(b) and (c) No, Sir.

(d) To ensure better surveillance on quality of tea exports, Tea Board have proposed certain provisions and regulations under the Tea Act, 1953.

Foreign Investment in SEZ

1021. SHRI K. B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to woo foreign investors to set up Special Economic Zones by raising the FDI cap to 100 per cent;

(b) whether the proposal includes bio-technology parks and other Free Trade and Warehousing Zones; and